

Explanation of Amendments in the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of triacylglyceride production comprising:

increasing production of triacylglycerides in an organism by transforming an ~~an~~ the organism with an introduced DNA encoding a protein having glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase (GPAT) activity;

growing the organism under conditions such that said glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase is expressed prior to harvesting and said organism has higher triacylglyceride content compared to a control;

and

harvesting the triacylglycerides from seeds from the organism.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the organism is a plant.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the plant is an oilseed bearing plant.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the plant is of the genus *Brassica*.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the plant is *Arabidopsis thaliana*.

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11. cancelled.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the DNA is a DNA having a sequence as recited in SEQ ID NO: 2, or a variant thereof having at least 70% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 2.

13. cancelled.

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17. (currently amended) A method of triacylglyceride production comprising:

transforming an organism with a vector, wherein the vector comprises a DNA encoding a protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 7, or a protein having the same function comprising a sequence having at least 70% homology with SEQ ID NO: 7;

growing the organism under conditions such that said protein is expressed prior to harvesting and said organism has higher triacylglyceride content compared to a control;

and

harvesting the triacylglycerides from seeds of the organism.

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46. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the DNA encodes a protein comprising a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO: 7 but has at least 70% sequence homology with SEQ ID NO: 7 and the same function as the protein of SEQ ID NO: 7.

47. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the DNA comprises a sequence encoding a protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 7.

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51. cancelled.